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Dear Dione,

As you know, when I get a ladylike letter from you I am pleased. Each time I hope it means you have out your head together and only good lies ahead for you. Despite the past, I hope again this time.

Your letter of the 2d came today. I was away all day, a long and tiring one. So I answer in haste that there be no addition to a growing stack. I cangt respond to all.

Generally, lawyers postpone cases because generally delays help their clients. The most obvious reasons are the disappearance of witnesses and the failing of memories. I don't know why in this case Scott did, but these are reasons enough.

Odd things: New Orleans came to mind for the first time in a long time today. I was at the Washington Post for other reasons when I was stopped by the reported they sent down for The Probe and The Trial. We had a long andpleasant talk.

Your dog sounds like a real find. The more mixed uo their ancestry, the healthier and smarter they are. Good company, too. "Weed" is a name I'd never heard applied to a hound. Yes, I do know you don't mean like in "grows like a weed."!!! But you say he knows where the pot is, so he has a built-in asset (pun). By this time he should never find any at home!

Glad you seem to have found a decent social life.

Do your thing, as you will anyway. But I think you are nuts if you swap a fine IBM typewriter for a sound system. That you can always put together in time. But a good typewriter, well, we rarely buy them. And they are good to have. Besides, you'll lose too much on the swap.

When your return to art puts all those coins in your pocket (or earlier if anything else does) I still need that $35.00. The acrylics can lend themselves to all sorts of expressions. Didn't know anyone was using them in artistic work. (But then I was surprised when you sent me that nice stuff you'd done with Masonite.) I remember from way back, when I exposed the Nazi connections of the inventors. They have the unique property of conducting light on the edges. Ever see a plexiglas sigh lit up with no visible source of light? That is it. Maybe you can build something like this in?

The shrink you have met is crazy as hell? So what else is new? Is tere one who isn't? That he is funny is different. And better.

When Weed marks the trees it is from emotional rather than physical need. It is his way of staking out a territory. They can be quite ambitious!

I don't have much trouble accepting the high IQ they have assigned to you. Only IQ doesn't say who's in charge. Whenx the put-together head is, that's when the IQ means something, even when it is half yours. May the efforts you report succeed!

Sincerely,

As often, the timing is interesting, after so long a silence